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Children and Family Services Division Foster Family Home Rates

- **Current Basic Reimbursement Rates for foster family homes:**
\$446 to \$627 based on the age of the child.
- **Current Basic Reimbursement Rates after the 5% increase in January 2008:**
\$446 to \$627 based on the age of the child. Age ranges: (0-4 \$446); (5-8 \$485); (9-11 \$519); (12-14 \$573); (15-19 \$627).
According to the M.A.R.C. Report, the nationwide average is \$488 to \$568.
- **Basic, Specialized Care and Clothing Rates Range foster family homes can receive:**
\$446 to \$2,724, which includes the 5% rate increase, the basic rate, and a maximum \$2,121 specialized care increment. In addition, foster family homes receive a \$100 annual supplemental state clothing allowance, an average annual clothing allowance of \$178 and an average initial clothing allowance of \$231. These rates vary by county.
- **Average Specialized Care Increment in the rate schedule:**
\$152 to \$742. This rate includes payment for supervising a child with exceptional needs; such as medical, developmental, behavioral, which cannot be met at the basic level of care. Each of the 55 participating counties develops and administers its own rate structure subject to approval by CDSS.
- **Average Basic, Specialized Care and Clothing Rates received by vast majority of foster family homes:**
\$715. This rate includes basic, supplemental clothing, clothing and specialized care increments.
- **Counties with the maximum Specialized Care Rate of \$900 and above in their rate structure:**
20 counties – Alameda, Butte, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Lake, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- **Last State-approved rate increase for out-of-home placements:**
The latest rate increase was 5% which became effective in January 2008.
- **Number of children in foster care:**
At any time, approximately 68,000 children are in child welfare supervised foster care.